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## This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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- iv. ☒ Other Claim of Extension of Time for Response

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

— Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

— A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

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